



# What's Up With the Astronomical League January 2010

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## **NYAA, Horkheimer and Mabel Sterns Newsletter Awards Deadlines**

- **NYAA**-The deadline has been extended to March 31, 2010.
- **Horkheimer Service Awards**-March 31, 2010
- **Horkheimer Journalism Award**-April 10, 2010
- **Mabel Sterns Newsletter Award**-March 31, 2010

(Please see application forms at the end of this issue.)

### **NYAA:**

Thousands of high school age students are eligible to apply for the award, so let's make 2010 a record years for submissions. Themes of award submissions from past top finishers have ranged from well-researched astronomy projects to a submission documenting the process of setting up a part-time astronomy business.

Benefits to the first and second place NYAA winners include an all-expense-paid trip to the 2010 national convention in Tucson, Arizona, scheduled for June 24-26. and plaques and other awards to commemorate their accomplishments. The award program is sponsored by Explore Scientific, and the League appreciates its generous donation of one of its fine telescopes to the first place finisher. Other top finishers receive special awards as well.

### **Horkheimer Service Awards:**

These awards are generously supported by Jack Horkheimer, the Star Gazer.

Any League member under the age of 19 on the age of the application is eligible to apply for the Jack Horkheimer awards. The Award is based upon service to the League, either directly or through service to any Astronomical League society. Service could be in the form of educational outreach, knowledge and skills at public star parties or other astronomical service. Young astronomers can apply for both the National Young Astronomer Award and the Horkheimer Awards. The three awards are the Horkheimer/Smith Award, Horkheimer/Parker Award and the Horkheimer/D'Auria Award.

The winner of the Horkheimer/Smith Award will receive an expenses-paid trip to the 2010 Astronomical League Convention in Tucson, Arizona, a plaque presented at the convention's awards banquet and a \$1,000 cash prize. In addition, for the past several years, Celestron, Inc. has donated one of its fine telescopes to the Horkheimer winner. Top finishers for the Horkheimer/Parker Award and the Horkheimer/A'Auria Award also receive the \$1,000 cash prize.

## **Horkheimer/O'Meara Youth Journalism Award:**

This competition for the Horkheimer/O'Meara Youth Journalism Award is open to young writers in the 8-14 age groups. The submission should be 300 to 500 words we are not limiting the entries to astronomy-related topics. We are open to any science-related topic that interests the contestant — from robin's eggs to quasars. What we are looking for is someone who can take a factual scientific event or discovery and write an accurate story that is so exciting and informative that readers will not want to put it down, they are learning so much. Aside from accuracy, entries will be judged on three criteria: creativity, conciseness, and clarity.

The winner will win a plaque and a \$1,000 cash prize.

Applications should be submitted to The O'Mearas, P. O. Box 218, Volcano, HI 96785, or via Email: [donna@post.harvard.edu](mailto:donna@post.harvard.edu).

The deadline is April 10, 2010

## **Mabel Sterns Newsletter Award:**

Mabel Sterns was the Astronomical League's first newsletter editor. This is the twelfth year of granting the Mabel Sterns Newsletter Award in her honor.

To submit an entry, the president of the club should send four paper copies of a recent newsletter, along with four copies of a letter of recommendation to the League's Vice President, Carroll Iorg, 7241 Jarboe St., Kansas City, Missouri 64114. A listing of the club's Web site where electronic copies of past newsletters are posted would also be helpful. A photo of the newsletter editor, in jpg format, preferably taken in an astronomical-type setting, should also be submitted in the packet. **In addition, the postal address of the newsletter editor should be included.**

**The top finisher receives a beautiful plaque to commemorate this special award. Also, special recognition is given in the Reflector.**

*It is strongly recommended that the Astronomical League's logo be prominently displayed in the newsletter, preferably on the front page.*

## **League Wish List:**

### **Publications Chair**

Ideally the person would be a manuscript editor from a major publishing house or university press. The main functions would be dealing with the authors of League approved manuscripts for observing manuals and other League publications and coordinating the process of editing and working with the National Office in getting publications completed. Helpful skills would be the ability to do content editing based on the potential audience's expertise, an astronomy background, ability to turn the complex into simple, straightforward text and the ability to help authors with copyright issues.

### **Administrator of the League's Webmaster Award**

I would like to express my appreciation to Bob Schneider for his splendid administration of the Webmaster Award program for the past several years. With Bob's need to step down from that position, we are needing a new administrator to handle this award program.

If you would be interested in either position, please contact Terry Mann, President, [starsrus@infinet.com](mailto:starsrus@infinet.com).



## 2010 National Young Astronomer Award (NYAA) Application Form

To recognize the outstanding achievements of high school age astronomers, the Astronomical League has established the National Young Astronomer Award.

### Eligibility:

United States citizens 14-19 years of age and not enrolled in college are eligible to apply for this award. Foreign students of the same age are eligible if they are enrolled in a United States secondary school on the date of the application deadline.

### Personal Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

### School Information:

If you are enrolled in high school, provide:

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of School: \_\_\_\_\_

### Media Information:

Name of your local newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number and/or webpage address of local newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsor Information:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your sponsor should be a teacher, counselor or astronomy club officer. If you have difficulty locating a sponsor, please contact the person listed below. **(The deadline for the 2010 award is ~~January 31, 2010~~. The deadline has been extended until March 31, 2010.**

**Send applications in four copies along with a photo of yourself (jpg format sent electronically if possible and preferably in an astronomical-type setting), postmarked by the deadline to:**

Carroll Iorg, A.L. Vice President, 7241 Jarboe, Kansas City MO 64114-1221  
(816) 444-4878, email: [carroll-iorg@kc.rr.com](mailto:carroll-iorg@kc.rr.com)

**More specific information and suggestions regarding content of potential NYAA entries is available at <http://www.astroleague.org/>.**

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## 2010 Horkheimer Service Award Nomination Form

Young Astronomer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

If enrolled in school, provide:

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Astronomical League affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Club name or MAL status)

Local Newspaper Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper email or website address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose optional examples of Astronomical League Achievements

1. Public Service (attach newsletter articles, etc.)
2. Astronomy Club duties or officer positions held (attach documentation)
3. Observing Awards earned (enclose copy of Messier club certificate, etc)
4. Other Astronomical Service (attach description)

Sponsor information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor must be an Astronomical League regional or AL astronomy club officer.

To apply for this award, complete this form and submit it by the award deadline of **March 31, 2010** with other application materials in four copies to:

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Astronomical League Vice President  
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Email [carroll-iorg@kc.rr.com](mailto:carroll-iorg@kc.rr.com)

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## 2010 Horkheimer Journalism Award Nomination Form

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### School Enrollment Information:

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Astronomical League Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

(Club name or MAL status)

Local Newspaper Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper Email or Website Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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